

LAUNCH DELAWARE

Biggest War Ship Takes to the Water.

SURPASSES OTHER FIGHTERS

Large Party from Delaware at the Launching, and Miss Pennewill Cahall Christens New Ship as She Glides Down Ways—Eight Thousand Greet the Vessel with Cheers.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 6.—The great battle ship Delaware was successfully launched from the yards of her builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, to-day. The launching was witnessed by 8,000 persons.

The launching occurred at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Among those present were Assistant Secretary of the Navy Satterlee, Gov. Pennewill, of Delaware, and his staff; Lieut. Gov. Mendinall, a delegation from the Delaware legislature, and Rear Admiral Taussig and other naval officers. There also were present several hundred prominent people from Delaware, including the Delaware Representative in Congress. The battle ship was christened with champagne by Miss Anne Pennewill Cahall, of Bridgeville, Del., niece of the governor, who had as her assistants Miss Florence Hazel, of Dover, and Miss Ellen Coleman Du Pont, of Wilmington.

The Ship Christened.
Ready to christen the ship, Miss Cahall stood trembling with excitement on the launching stand, the christening bottle poised for the first move of the ship. Suddenly there was a rending sound and, snap, the weakened beam gave way, and, as the Delaware moved down the ways, Miss Cahall hurled the bottle of sparkling wine at the prow and exclaimed in a clear voice: "I christen thee Delaware."

Drowning the sponsor's words, the cheers of the crowd arose, while from every whistle in the ship yards and the every whistle in the shipyards and the rent the heavens. The bands struck up the national air, and in several minutes the excitement was intense and everybody was happy, for the launching was a great success, and went off without a hitch.

The launching was followed by an elaborate banquet. The weather was ideal.

Surpasses All Fighters.

Compared with the battle ships completed or under construction of the navy of any foreign country, the Delaware, launched to-day, surpasses all. She is one of four sister ships authorized by Congress which will form an indomitable squadron. The other vessels are the North Dakota, being built at Quincy, Mass.; the Florida, which will be built at the New York Navy Yard, and the Utah, to be built at Camden, N. J.

The Delaware is to carry as heavy armor and as powerful armament as any known vessel of its class; will have a speed of twenty-one knots, which is believed to be the highest practicable for a vessel of this type and class, and will have the highest practicable radius of action. The arrangement of her main-battery guns is such as to permit a broadside fire of five guns, and the Delaware is the only battle ship now built, or so far as is known, under construction.

Defensive Qualities Great.
Her defensive qualities, other than those dependent upon armor protection, are such as to give the maximum degree of protection to all the vital portions by means of unusually effective compartmental subdivision, so that in conjunction with her armor protection the defensive qualities of this vessel are believed to be distinctly superior to those of any battle ship hitherto designed.

The hull is protected by a water-line belt of armor, 8 feet in width, whose maximum thickness is 11 inches. This armor belt gives effective protection to the boilers, machinery, and magazine spaces. The side above the main armor belt is protected by armor 7 feet 3 inches wide and other track fixings of 10 inches. Above the main casemate armor amidships the side is protected by armor of five-inch thickness, which affords protection to the smokepipes, the major portion of the 3-inch field batteries of 5-inch guns and the hull structure.

Costs Nearly Four Million.
The contract for the Delaware was placed on August 5, 1907, at a price of \$3,987,000, to be built in accordance with the department's design for both hull and reciprocating machinery. Her keel was laid on November 11, 1907.

The Delaware is 510 feet in length on load water line, 55 feet 2 inches in breadth, and her mean draft to bottom of keel at trial displacement about twenty-seven feet. She will have triple expansion reciprocating engines and will require over 30,000 horse power.

Her armament will consist of a main battery of ten 12-inch breech-loading rifles and her secondary battery will be fourteen 5-inch rapid-fire guns, four 3-pounder anti-aircraft guns, four 1-pounder anti-aircraft guns, two 3-inch field pieces, and two machine guns of .50 caliber. She has two submerged torpedo tubes.

The Delaware will have a displacement on trial of 20,000 tons, or 21,000 tons when the British Dreadnought, and 190 tons greater than Great Britain's latest vessel of that type—the Vanguard.

Large Loudoun Farm Sold.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 6.—Thomas B. Norris, of Leesburg, has sold his "Goshen" farm, near Leesburg and Ashburn, in this county, to John Guthrie Hopkins, of Connecticut, for a consideration said to have been between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The estate contains about 700 acres and adjoins the "Cotton" farm recently purchased by Mr. Hopkins. It is reported this morning that J. R. Beuchler has also sold the "California" farm, bordering on the "Cotton" estate, to Mr. Hopkins. The sale of the "Goshen" was made through J. E. Forbury, real estate agent of Washington.

Drewry Inspects Amherst Site.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 6.—Dr. W. F. Drewry, of Petersburg, a noted authority on epileptic diseases, is here to-day making an investigation of conditions that would prevail if the proposed epileptic colony should be established here. While it is not known, it is thought Dr. Drewry is commissioned by Gov. Swanson to make the investigation.

CHRISTENED THE BATTLE SHIP DELAWARE.



Miss Anne Pennewill Cahall



Miss Frances Hazel Miss Ellen Coleman du Pont

AIDS TO MISS CAHALL AT NEWPORT NEWS LAUNCHING.

PICNIC TO OLD SOLDIERS.

Feast on "Bloody Angle" Planned for May 12.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Spotsylvania, Va., Feb. 6.—Citizens of Spotsylvania have started a movement for a big picnic on the "Bloody Angle" battlefield, May 12 next, when the New Jersey monument will be unveiled. The picnic will be given in honor of the soldiers of the Blue and the Gray, who will attend the unveiling.

A public meeting will be held the same day to ask the indorsement of the veterans of both armies, as well as all other present, of the movement to erect a joint shaft on the Bloody Angle battlefield to commemorate the chivalry and greatness of Gen. Grant and Lee and the American soldiers of both armies who fell in the battle here.

NEW RAILWAY IN LOUDOUN.

Starts at Washington Junction, Md., and May End at Charlottesville.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Hamilton, Va., Feb. 6.—Engineer C. O. Swann, with a corps of six assistants, is here to-day completing a survey for the Chesapeake and Blue Ridge Railway Company for a proposed steam railway from Point of Rocks, Md., through Loudoun County.

Mr. Swann states that the survey will rest here for the present, but from the best information that The Washington Herald correspondent can gather the objective point will be either Harrisonburg or Charlottesville, connecting by the shortest possible route the Baltimore and Ohio with the Southern. The Chesapeake and Blue Ridge Railway Company is a newly chartered corporation in this State.

BIG ORDER FOR STEEL RAILS.

Baltimore and Ohio Signs Contracts for 37,000 Tons.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Baltimore, Md., Feb. 6.—The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company officially announced to-day the closing of the contracts and placing of orders for 37,000 tons of steel rails, of 90 and 100 pounds weight, also for 10,000 kegs of spikes, 5,000 kegs of bolts, as well as large quantities of angle bars and other track fixings.

The rail orders were divided among the Maryland, Bethlehem, Carnegie, Cambria, and Illinois Steel companies, with delivery in thirty days.

Fair Association Bankrupt.

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 6.—Upon the application of F. C. Rott and other creditors, Judge E. B. Jones to-day ordered the Yadkin Valley Fair Association in the hands of a receiver, naming Walter H. Woodson, of Salisbury, to take charge of the property.

Left Fat; Back Slender.

By "FOOTLIGHTS."

Glauc and his overweight chorus from the "Aeroplane" company have returned to New York in what may be described as greatly reduced circumstances. Not as to finances, let it be said, nor yet in numbers, glory be, but in avoidability—that is to say, gross flesh. The entire galaxy has lost out in this respect, much to its advantage.

It seems the people out West will support slim ballerinas, and no other, and our famous "balloon chorus" carried so to speak, no weight with them. They treated that prize collection of fat New York beauties with an unprecedented coldness. Consequently Glauc faced the problem of reducing the entire front and rear rows at once, or shipping them back "excess" baggage. It was a terrific job, as who saw the "Aeroplane" before it left this tolerant town will admit, but our ingenious townsmen tackled it and succeeded—broke all records, in fact. And thereby hangs a tale worthy of any fat lady's attention.

Glauc didn't rehearse his flock into shape, nor starve them into line, nor yet worry them, verbally, into shadows. He paid salaries regularly and let them eat and drink as they listed. He simply hung up a new rule in the dressing rooms to the effect that every lady less than five foot seven who weighed in excess of 150 pounds must take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime (or about where her bedtime ought to be) of the following: One-half ounce Marmola, 1/2 ounce Fluid Extract Cascara Aromatic, and 2 1/2 ounces Peppermint Water.

HARDY FOUND GUILTY

Several Jurors Weep as Verdict Is Read.

SHOT T. G. JONES FROM AMBUSH

Accused's Counsel Make Motion for New Trial—Prisoner Cries in His Cell and Asks that His Mother Be Not Told of the Verdict. Brother Weeps in Court.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Suffolk, Va., Feb. 6.—Without the quiver of an eyelid, or any visible change save a sudden blanch of pallor, Sam Hardy to-day heard that he must die when the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of the murder of T. G. Jones, last October.

As the jury marched in, and when the decision was read, half of the jurors were weeping, as the man they were sending to his doom is one many of them had known for years, and is prominent in Nansemond County.

The jury was out only forty minutes and only one ballot was taken, and that was for conviction.

Moved for New Trial.
Hardy's counsel immediately gave notice of a motion for a new trial, which will be argued later, and the case is destined to be fought out in all the courts of Virginia, as Hardy and his family and friends are people of means.

When the verdict was brought one of the victim's brothers broke down and cried like a child. Extra precautions were taken to guard against a court demonstration, deputies being stationed all over the building, with orders to arrest any offenders.

The jurors had a silent prayer some minutes before beginning final deliberations. They have conducted prayers twice daily since the trial began.

Later this afternoon Hardy broke down in jail and wept. He protested innocence, and said he did not want his aged mother to hear the verdict.

Killed Tiberius G. Jones.
Hardy was charged with assassinating T. G. Jones, a neighbor, October last, as the latter entered his home. Jones' body was perforated with shot, and he died shortly after being ambushed. The murder was one of the most cold blooded in the criminal annals of Virginia.

Jones, when dying, exclaimed: "I am dying because I told the truth." This statement is said to have come bearing upon the Holland will case, in which Hardy and some of his friends were interested.

ROBBERS KILL LEADER.

He Found Gang Torturing His Grandmother and Fight Followed.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 6.—Coming upon a band of robbers, of which he himself was leader, torturing his aged grandmother, James Gorby drew a revolver and fired into the gang. His pals returned the fire and killed Gorby.

The gang had entered the home of the aged woman with the intention of robbing her of several hundred dollars.

The robbers made their escape, but at Cameron were rounded up by a patrol and deputy sheriffs. A gun fight followed in which one of the robbers was wounded. The gang then surrendered.

KEPT WEDDING A SECRET.

Fairmont Pair Were Married in Atlantic City Last July.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Fairmont, W. Va., Feb. 6.—The news of the marriage at Atlantic City last July of Benjamin Franklin Haight and Miss Hattie Swan, both well known here, was made public to-day.

The wedding was performed July 25, by Rev. Dr. Newton Caldwell, pastor of Olive Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City. They went to New York, where they stayed a short time. Mrs. Haight returned to her home in Middlebourne and Mr. Haight to Virginia. Last September Mrs. Haight took up her work of teaching at Mannington, near here, and Mr. Haight resumed his work at the State University, at Morgantown, where he will be graduated next June.

Mrs. Haight will resign her position as teacher at Mannington, as a married woman cannot teach in this State.

BIG STORM IN HAGERSTOWN.

Wind Plays Havoc with Houses and Trees.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 6.—One of the worst wind storms in years raged in this section of Maryland to-day, causing great damage. At the Antietam Paper Mills, near Hagerstown, a large frame stock house was blown down, and some of the heavy lumber was carried hundreds of yards away. Many telephone lines were blown down.

In Hagerstown shutters were wrenched from houses, window glass broken, trees blown down, and bill and sign boards demolished, causing serious loss.

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BILLS HANG FIRE.

Local Option Measures Not Acted Upon in West Virginia Senate.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 6.—Before the local option bills pending before the senate when it adjourned yesterday were reached to-day as unfinished business, the upper body of the legislature adjourned over until Monday, leaving these measures still hanging fire.

Ruppenthal's "bone dust" bill, which seeks to reduce the tax on fertilizer tags representing a ton of "bone dust" fertilizer from 6 cents to 15 cents, was laid on the table of the house to-day, after that body had a little fun with it.

The house judiciary committee this morning reported favorably Yost's bill providing for statutory prohibition, a bill which it passed would mean prohibition by July. It is doubtful if the measure can pass the house.

Many of the delegates who supported the submission of an amendment for prohibition will not sanction the proposed statutory bill.

Strong opposition is also developing to the tax on coal, oil, and gas products, and it is extremely doubtful if even the administration's influence in the house is sufficient to put them through that body.

WOMAN GUILTY OF MURDER.

Lucy Mitchell Given Eighteen Years in Virginia Penitentiary.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Roanoke, Va., Feb. 6.—In the Circuit Court at Rocky Mount to-day, Lucy Mitchell, a young white woman, was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Miss Minnie McBryde, aged eighteen years, and sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary.

The Mitchell woman lived with the McBrydes in Franklin County. She struck Miss McBryde on the head with a stick of stove wood, and after rendering her unconscious, smashed her skull with an ax. Miss McBryde was engaged to marry and her slayer did not want her to leave home.

DR. HALL DIES AT KEYSER.

He Enlisted in Confederate Army When Fifteen Years Old.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Keyser, W. Va., Feb. 6.—Dr. J. W. Hall died early yesterday morning here, aged sixty-five years. He was a native of Virginia and was a student in Roanoke College and the University of Virginia, graduating in medicine from Bellevue College, New York. He spent most of his life in Keyser, going there in his early days. He practiced medicine for several years and then started a drug store, which he conducted for thirty years, giving up the business seven years ago on account of failing health. He served in the Confederate army, enlisting in Virginia when fifteen years old.

STRIKERS ENJOINED.

Mine Owners Resort to Courts to Prevent Trouble at Tunnelton.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Tunnelton, W. Va., Feb. 6.—E. D. Hupp, deputy United States marshal, of Huntington, served forty-one injunctions on striking miners at Tunnelton, yesterday. Among the men enjoined is George Kercheval, the newly-installed master. There has been a strike on at the mines of the United Coal Company for nearly a year, and recently there has been some trouble with the strike-breakers. The men are enjoined from interfering with the miners at work or the company's property.

Superintendent Barber, of the mines, says he has an adequate force at work, and additional employees are constantly being received. He says they are loading all the Baltimore and Ohio engines going east and west, and will continue to do so. The union men, on the other hand, are determined to fight their cause as vigorously as ever. The strike involves recognition of the union and the restoration of the former rate of wages.

SAVES TRAIN.

Boy Gallops into Durham and Gives Warning of Burning Bridge.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Durham, N. C., Feb. 6.—A trestle nearly four long, four miles west of Durham on the Southern Railway, was burned this morning at 3 o'clock, and but for a young man who discovered the flames, a train running on fast time would have been wrecked.

The boy rode swiftly into town and gave warning. The two passenger trains passed here and the operator held both back. On one was Vice President Andrews in his private car. The passengers were transferred. A freight train is thought to have started the blaze.

FAST MAIL WRECKED.

Western Maryland Express and Yard Engine Collide in Hagerstown.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 6.—The fast mail train on the Western Maryland Railroad which left Baltimore at 4 o'clock this morning was derailed in the yard in this city this morning while leaving for Cumberland, and the yard engine was badly damaged in a collision.

Freeman J. C. Presgrave, of the yard engine, had his foot mashed, and passengers were shaken up but escaped injury. All the coaches of the train were damaged. The postal car jumped the track, derailed the rear coaches. The coaches crashed into the engine on the opposite track, demolishing the cab.

The track was blocked by the wreck for some hours.

Many Attend Warrenton Drag.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Warrenton, Va., Feb. 6.—Under the most favorable weather conditions a large and enthusiastic drag was ridden this afternoon by the Warrenton Hunt Club, T. L. Evans being riding master. The start was at G. R. Tompkins, with a good, brisk finish at Leeton Lodge. Those riding were J. K. Maddux, Harry Page, Perry Evans, Dick Donnelly, Harry Stone, William P. Wilber, G. B. Stone, P. E. Thysen, Mr. Kerr, and C. D. Strother. Mr. Kerr had a bad fall and injured his horse. Mr. Donnelly is from New York and holds the high jump record of the world on Heatherbush, having taken a jump at 8 feet 2 inches.

Fine Union Station for Basic.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Staunton, Va., Feb. 6.—It is probable that work on a new \$60,000 union station will soon begin at Basic City, a short distance east of Staunton. This is an important Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk and Western junction, and the railway officials will meet next week to decide upon plans looking to the erection of a handsome depot.

Dropped Dead in Street.

Frederick, Md., Feb. 6.—Thomas J. Cannon, aged seventy, dropped dead in Market street, this city, shortly before 1 o'clock to-day. Mr. Cannon was a well-known resident of Brunswick, this county, and was a juror attending the February term of the Circuit Court. He is survived by five children.

Col. Brubaker Dead at Luray.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Luray, Va., Feb. 6.—Col. A. J. Brubaker, a prominent citizen of Page County, died this evening, aged eighty years. He is survived by a wife and seven children.

LIEUT. GITTINGS DEAD.

Succumbs While Stationed at Fort Bayard, N. Mex.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 6.—News of the death at Fort Bayard, N. Mex., on Tuesday, February 2, of Lieut. Hamilton S. Gittings, U. S. A., of Maryland, was received by his relatives in Baltimore yesterday.

Lieut. Gittings had been in bad health for several years, and early in the winter was seriously ill in Washington, where his brother, Samuel J. Gittings, lives. About a month ago he left for New Mexico in the hope of deriving benefit from the climate, but the improvement in his condition manifested at first was of short duration, and he finally succumbed to his ailments.

"Ham" Gittings, as he was known by his friends, was prominent in the social life of Baltimore many years ago, and was one of the best riders in the State. At tournaments he was almost unbeatable, and he was also a crack shot. He was born at "Belts Vista," the old Gittings home in Long Green Valley, now the residence of Attorney General Bonaparte, and was the son of Thomas E. and Julia Gittings.

Besides a brother, Samuel J. Gittings, of Washington, he is survived by a sister—Mrs. Morris, of New York. At the time of his death he was in the sixtieth year of his age and unmarried.

MASONS VISIT ALEXANDRIA.

Three Train Loads Attend Bazaar at Armory Hall.

Brick Dwelling Sold at Auction.

Funeral of Charles J. Dearborn.

Lipscomb Is Appointed.

Alexandria News Agency, 603 King street, Alexandria, Va., authorized agents and carriers for The Washington Herald. The Herald will be delivered daily and Sunday to any address in Alexandria for 50 cents a month.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU.

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 6.—Three train loads of members of the Masonic fraternity from Washington journeyed over to this city to-night and attended the big Masonic bazaar in progress at Armory Hall. The visitors, together with the local attendance, filled the hall to its utmost capacity. The drill to have been given by the Almas Temple patrol was postponed, owing to the crowded condition of the hall. The Washingtonians were welcomed by Worshipful Master J. Edward Shinn, and Grand Master Simpson, of the District of Columbia, made a response.

It was a big crowd, and everybody made the best of it. They moved through the hall like a solid mass, and the young ladies and women did a thriving business. Among those present were the officers of the Grand Lodge, members of the blue lodge, members of the Knights Templar, and members of Almas Temple, Arab Patrol.

The fair will be continued next week.

A negro giving his name as Charles Faulk, Henrico County, Va., was arrested to-night on suspicion of the theft of a block and fall and a part of a set of harness.

S. H. Hunt, auctioneer, to-day sold at public auction the two-story brick dwelling house and lot on the east side of Washington street, between Duke and Wolfe streets, known as 322 South Washington street, and it was purchased by J. D. Normyle for \$2,545. The property belonged to the Chewning estate.

The sale of the property of the American Lockett Company, to have been sold at public auction to-day, was postponed until February 20.

The funeral of Charles J. Dearborn took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from his home, 411 South Lee street. The services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Sevier, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Betzel Cemetery.

The following committee has been appointed by Seminole Tribe, No. 5, Order of Red Men, to co-operate with the committee having in charge the arrangements for the parade on April 20: L. P. Woodward, C. P. Hensley, and A. D. Grimes.

Rev. J. Howard Wells, of Washington, will address a men's meeting to-morrow afternoon, which will be held in the Young People's Building of the M. E. Church South.

Judge J. B. T. Thornton has appointed William N. Lipscomb, of Prince William County, Va., examiner of records for this circuit. He will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. W. Shenkar, who held the office since it was created.

HELD FOR POISONING SPRING.

John Zirkle Trilled by Bloodhounds.

Indicted by Grand Jury.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Buckhannon, W. Va., Feb. 6.—John Zirkle, of Upshur County, who was run down by bloodhounds as the man who had scattered arsenic and paris green in the spring used by the family of Asa Williams, a farmer of the same neighborhood, has been held in \$2,000 bond for the action of the grand jury. Williams' daughter found the powders scattered on the rock wall of the spring and on the water. An analysis showed that poison had been placed in the spring. The bloodhounds followed the track to a store and reared up on Zirkle twice. They went outside and followed the trail to his house.

French Club in Session.

The Union de Langue Francaise held its second general meeting at Frenchy's La Boheme Friday evening. The session was opened by the temporary president, Charles Claveloux, who introduced Prof. Rivot, who read an address respecting the purposes of the society. He pointed out the beauty and utility of the French language, and dwelt on the advantages of an organization which should bring together those who use French or desire to become better acquainted with it. Officers were elected as follows: President, A. Delu; vice president, G. Rivot; recording secretary, A. Bernard; financial secretary, F. Furger; treasurer, B. Pollet.

Lecture on Shakespeare.

Dr. W. L. Davidson, Chautauque manager, prominent lecturer, and secretary of the American University, delivered an illustrated lecture on "Shakespeare" before the University Club last night. The speaker was introduced by Claude Bennett, chairman of the entertainment committee.

Eucbre and Dance.

The newly organized Knickerbocker Athletic Club is bending every effort to make its eucbre and dance next Friday evening a success. It will be held at Carroll Institute, and will be under the management of J. M. Kearney. Guy W. King is secretary of the club.

FINDINGS OF COURT

Capt. Qualtrough Suspended for Six Months.

ALSO REDUCED TEN NUMBERS

Commander Kline Placed in Command of Georgia for Homeward Trip—Convicted Officer Retired for Age in 1912—Will Probably Not Be Able to Overcome Loss of Numbers.

The decision of the court-martial in the case of Capt. Edward F. Qualtrough, U. S. N., former commanding officer of the battle ship Georgia, was reported to the Navy Department yesterday by Rear Admiral Sperry, commanding the Atlantic battle ship fleet.

Admiral Sperry said Capt. Qualtrough had been convicted on both charges preferred against him, of intoxication and of conduct unbecoming an officer. The sentence of the court was that he be suspended from duty for a period of six months, and be reduced ten numbers in the grade of captain. Capt. Qualtrough, Admiral Sperry added, was a passenger on board the battle ship Georgia, which is commanded on the homeward trip by Commander George W. Kline, former executive officer, who was placed in command when Capt. Qualtrough was placed under arrest. Admiral Sperry has approved the sentence of the court. No further action is necessary, although Secretary of the Navy Newberry has the power to mitigate the sentence.

Capt. Qualtrough stands twenty-fifth in the list of captains. As he will retire for age in 1912 it is not likely he will be able to overcome the loss of ten numbers and retire as rear admiral before reaching the age limit.

Secretary Newberry said he will not begin consideration of the case until the full record of the proceedings of the court have been received at the department.

Sentence Believed Lenient.

The general opinion among naval officers is that the sentence is lenient, in view of the fact that Capt. Qualtrough was found guilty of intoxication while at a public reception in a foreign port, and later had to be relieved of command of his vessel. In view of these circumstances, it is not regarded as probable that Secretary Newberry will reduce the sentence.

A commanding officer will not be assigned to the Georgia until the fleet returns to Hampton Roads on February 22. Several officers are under consideration, but no definite selection has yet been made. Officers whose tours of sea duty are completed will be detached from the fleet and given assignments on shore. Their places will be filled by officers whose shore service has expired.

It is probable Rear Admiral Sperry will relinquish command of the fleet shortly after Hampton Roads is reached. He will retire on September 3 next. He will probably be succeeded by Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright, commanding the second division of the fleet.

One of the officers under consideration for the command of the Georgia is Commander William S. Sims, naval aide to President Roosevelt